(ग) क्या सरकार विकलांग, विधवा और बेसहारा महिलाओं को सुपर बाजार में रोजगार के और अधिक अवसर प्रदान करने का विचार रखती है और क्या इस प्रयोजन के लिए कोई नया कार्यक्रम शुरू किया जाएगा; और

(घ) क्या सरकार द्वारा आरंभ किये गये उक्त कार्यक्रम को सुपर बाजार में लागू कर दिया गया है?

नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय (उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली विभाग) में राय मंत्री (श्री विनोद शर्मा): (क) और (ख) सुपर बाजार द्वारा सूचित किया गया है कि केवल तकनीकी श्रेणी को छोड़कर नए पदों के सृजन पर प्रतिबंध होने के कारण 1.4.1992 से 31.3.1995 की अवधि के दौरान तकनीकी स्वरूप के केवल 15 पद ही सृजित किए गए तथा भरे गए है।

(ग) और (घ) कर्मचारियों की पर्याप्त संख्या को देखते हुए सुपर बाजार में नई नियुक्तियों पर प्रतिबंध है। सरकार का सुपर बाजार में रोजगार के अधिक अवसरों के लिए कोई योजना आरंभ करने का प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Export Licences

743. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of export licences issued by Government during 1993-94 and 1995 (till date);

(b) the number of export licences lying unused at the end of September, 1995;

(c) the main reasons for non-utilisation of the export licences by the exporters;

(d) the estimated loss in foreign exchange suffered by the Exchequer as a result thereof; and

(e) what action is contemplated by Government regarding the non-utilisation of the export licences by the exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM):

(a) *Year*	*Export Licences Issued*
1993	396
1994	486
1995	415

(b) to (e) Statistical data regarding actual utilisation of these Export Licences is not maintained. However, some of them may have remained unutilised because of various reasons such as cancellation of Export Orders by the foreign buyers, unfavourable market conditions or force majeure conditions.

All goods are exportable except to the extent such exports are regulated. Since the licensable items are only those items whose exports are required to be regulated, the non-utilisation of Export Licences for such items need not necessarily be viewed as involing loss of foreign exchange.

However, while issuing fresh Export Licences one of the factors usually considered is the export performance of the party against such licences issued to the party earlier.

सुपर बाजार द्वारा लाभ

744. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:** क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सुपर बाजार में वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान कोई लाभ नहीं हुआ लेकिन इसे इसके उत्तरवर्ती वर्षों के दौरान लाभ हुआ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या सरकार इस संबंध में कोई जांच कराने का विचार रखती है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय (उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री विनोद शर्मा): (क) जी नहीं। सुपर बाजार ने सूचित किया है कि उसने वर्ष 1992-93 तथा उसके बाद के वर्षों के दौरान लाभ कमाया है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

(ग) जी नहीं।

(घ) और (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

Working of Employment Assistance Centres

745. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the working of Employment Assistance Centres temporarily operated to make arrangements for alternative employment of workers effected by structural changes in economy; and

(b) the action taken by Government on the basis of this review?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) The Government have set up the National Renewal Fund on February 3, 1992 to protect the interests of workers effected by modernisation, technology upgradation and industrial restructuring. The Fund, *inter alia*, provides assistance to cover the costs of retraining and redeployment of effected workers. Initially, five nodal agencies set up Employee Assistance Centres at Bombay, Ahmedabad, Indore, Kanpur and Calcutta on a pilot scale basis for counselling, retraining and redeployment assistance to workers. On a review of the scheme of Employee Assistance Centres, set-up on a pilot scale basis, it has now been extended to 49 locations in 16 States through 13 nodal agencies.

Strike in Singareni Collieries Limited, Andhra Pradesh

746. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a dissention amongst the recognised and non-recognised trade unions regarding agitation and strike in Singareni Collieries Limited, Andhara Pradesh;

(b) what were the demands of the Singareni Colliery workers who went on strike in the month of October, 1995;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to settle their disputes/ demand so that the workers may discipline themselves and devote their energy and time for more production; and

(d) What steps Government have taken/propose to take to avert such situation in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demands of striking workers of Singareni Collieries Company Limited are:—

(i) Finalisation of pension scheme.

(ii) Modalities for application of new Dearness Allowance formula.

(iii) Employment of dependants.

(c) and (d) Joint Bipartite Committee for Coal Industry which includes the Labour Unions and management of all coal companies has been holding negotiations to arrive at the National Coal Wage Agreement-V, which covers all the demands of the workers.

Fires/Explosions in fire works factories

747. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAOSHINDE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of incidents of fires/explosions in fire works factories have occurred this year in different parts of the country with heavy casualties and exposing improper enforcement of security and safety norms and labour laws;

(b) if so, the number and details of fire accidents in fire works factory during the current year and comparative figures for 1994 and 1993 indicating the number of casualties; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent such violation of laws and norms?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c): The information is being collected